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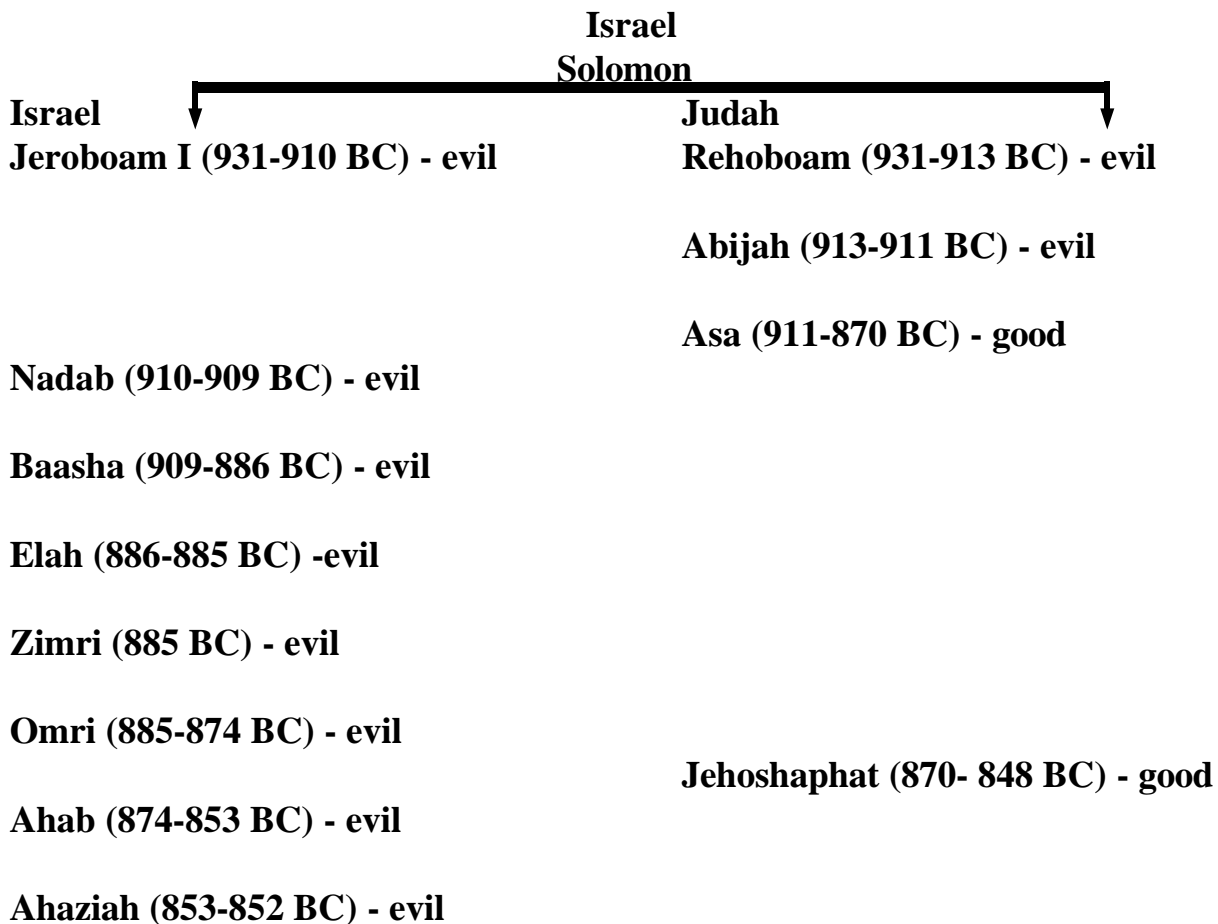
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I Kings

Introduction

The book of I Kings begins with Solomon becoming the ruler of the nation of Israel. In the section covering the life of Solomon, we see that he began his rule by seeking wisdom from the Lord to lead the people. However, as he grew older, he did the very things that God had told Israel to avoid. One of the things that Solomon did was marry many foreign wives. These wives led Solomon away from the Lord because they worshiped the idols of the nations from which they came. As a result, the heart of Israel was turned away from the Lord.

God said that the judgment for the sin of Solomon would cause ten tribes to turn away from the family of Solomon and become a separate nation. The book of I Kings then traces the history of the nations of Israel and Judah from the time of Solomon's son, Rehoboam to the end of the lives of Jehoshaphat in Judah and Ahab in Israel. The following chart shows the rulers that we will meet in the book of I Kings.



I.
The Kingdom under Solomon
1:1-11:43

A. Solomon becomes king
1:1-3:2

1. King David transfers the kingdom to Solomon
1:1-53

a. David is cared for by Abishag
1:1-4

David was old and could no longer keep warm
David's servants suggested that someone be found to keep him warm
David's servants looked and found Abishag, a Shunammite
David did not have sexual relationships with Abishag

b. David does not realize what Adonijah is doing
1:5-10

Adonijah chose to exalt himself
Adonijah was the brother of Absalom
Adonijah was helped by Joab and Abiathar
Adonijah prepared a feast to announce himself king

Lessons from the life of Adonijah

Adonijah chose to exalt himself instead of seek God's will

Adonijah focused on his appearance not the Lord

Adonijah was able to recruit the unhappy

Joab was not happy with the way David treated Absalom
Abiathar was having to share the priesthood with Zadok

Adonijah chose to appoint himself king, the results of pride

**c. David hears what Adonijah is doing
1:11-27**

1) Nathan told Bathsheba what Adonijah was doing - 1:11-14

Nathan told Bathsheba about the plot
Nathan gave counsel to Bathsheba
Nathan told Bathsheba what to ask David
Nathan promised to confirm the words of Bathsheba

2) Nathan sends Bathsheba to the king - 1:15-21

Bathsheba went to talk to David
Bathsheba was asked what she wanted
Bathsheba asked about his promise regarding Solomon
Bathsheba said that Adonijah had appointed himself king
Bathsheba said Adonijah was being helped by Joab and Abiathar
Bathsheba said Israel was waiting for David to speak
Bathsheba said she and Solomon would face death

3) Nathan tells the king what is happening - 1:22-27

Nathan came in while Bathsheba was speaking
Nathan presented himself to the king
Nathan asked David if he had chosen Adonijah to reign
Nathan told how Adonijah had announced himself king
Nathan told that those loyal to David were not invited
Nathan asked if this was really the plan of David

Lessons from the life of Nathan

Nathan first gathered all of the facts

Nathan gave the report to those affected

Nathan gave counsel of an effective way to speak

Nathan provided backup and support

Nathan led by asking questions of the king

**d. David appoints Solomon as king
1:28-37**

1). this appointment is announced to Bathsheba - 1:28-31

Bathsheba was called into the presence of the king
Bathsheba was told her son would be king

2). this appointment is announced to Zadok - 1:32-37

Zadok was called into the presence of the king
Zadok was told to anoint Solomon at Gihon
Zadok was told to announce the appointment of King Solomon

**e. David has Solomon anointed as king
1:38-53**

1). this anointing took place at Gihon - 1:38-40

many people saw King Solomon anointed at Gihon
many people rejoiced with great joy

2). this anointing was reported to Adonijah's guests - 1:41-49

the guests heard that Solomon has been anointed as king
the guests heard that Solomon had been placed on the throne
the guests heard that David was joyful for Solomon
the guests fled in fear

3). this anointing caused Adonijah to fear - 1:50-53

Adonijah took hold of the horns of the altar in fear
Adonijah begged for his life to be spared
Adonijah was told that he would be judged by his character
Adonijah bowed himself before Solomon

Lessons from the life of Zadok

**Zadok was an obedient priest
Zadok carried out the will of the king**

2. King David gives instructions to Solomon
2:1-9

David gave a final charge to Solomon
David said that Solomon would be blessed by obedience to God
David told Solomon to judge those who need judgment
David told Solomon to show kindness to Barzillai
David told Solomon to deal with Shimei

3. King David dies and is buried
2:10-11

4. King Solomon carries out the instructions of David
2:12-3:2

a. Solomon orders the death of Adonijah - 2:12-25

Adonijah made a request to Solomon through Bathsheba
Adonijah said that the kingdom had belonged to him
Adonijah asked to be given Abishag in marriage
Adonijah had his request reported to Solomon
Adonijah was still trying to get the kingdom
Adonijah signed his own death warrant by this request

b. Solomon orders Abiathar removed as priest - 2:26-27

c. Solomon orders the death of Joab - 2:28-34

Joab took hold of the horns on the altar
Joab said that he would die at the altar
Joab was judged for the murders he committed

d. Solomon appoints new leadership - 2:35

e. Solomon orders the death of Shimei - 2:36-46

Shimei was given a choice
Shimei chose to violate his promise
Shimei was put to death

f. Solomon marries the daughter of Pharaoh - 3:1-2

B. Solomon shows great wisdom

3:3-4:34

1. the Lord saw the love of Solomon for Him - 3:3-4

Solomon loved the Lord and followed the example of his father
Solomon offered a great sacrifice to the Lord at Gibeon

2. the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream - 3:5-9

Solomon was told to ask the Lord for whatever he wanted
Solomon said that he was like a little child
Solomon asked for an understanding heart to lead the people

3. the Lord answered the prayer of Solomon - 3:10-15

God was pleased with the request of Solomon
God said that He would give Solomon a wise and understanding heart
God also promised to give him riches and honor
God said his days would be lengthened if he was obedient

4. the Lord gave Solomon wisdom to answer two women - 3:16-28

the two women were prostitutes
the two women both had a son
the child of one of the women died
the child was exchanged for the other child
the two women both claimed the living child
the king said he would divide the living child with a sword
the woman of the living child was concerned for its life
the woman of the dead child had no compassion
The woman of the living child was recognized by the king

Lessons from the early leadership of Solomon

**Solomon loved the Lord and followed the example of his father
Solomon made worship of God a primary focus of his life
Solomon demonstrated a humble heart before the Lord
Solomon asked for an understanding heart to lead the people
Solomon demonstrated the wisdom of God in his life**

5. the Lord led Solomon to delegate leadership - 4:1-6

Solomon was over the entire nation
Solomon delegated leadership to various men

6. the Lord led Solomon to appoint officers - 4:7-19

Solomon had twelve officers responsible for providing food
Solomon made each of these men responsible for one month
Solomon had assigned each of these men an area of the country

7. the Lord gave Solomon peace and security - 4:20-28

Solomon led a large and happy nation
Solomon provided large quantities of food for his servants
Solomon led the nation in peace and safety
Solomon had large numbers of horses and horsemen
Solomon had everything provided that was needed

8. the Lord gave Solomon great wisdom - 4:29-34

Solomon was given wisdom and very much understanding
Solomon had wisdom that excelled the leaders of other countries
Solomon became famous in surrounding nations for his wisdom
Solomon wrote both proverbs and songs
Solomon often used things in nature to illustrate his wisdom
Solomon had leaders come from other countries to hear his wisdom

Lessons from the developing leadership of Solomon

Solomon learned how to delegate leadership effectively

Solomon combined responsibility and authority for leaders

Solomon provided for those who served him

Solomon was given wisdom and much understanding

**Solomon used things in nature to illustrate his wisdom
(he was a master at drawing word pictures)**

C. Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem 5:1-8:66

1. the temple took much preparation before building - 5:1-18

a. this preparation included a request to Hiram - 5:1-6

Solomon received a delegation from Hiram
Solomon reminded Hiram of the desire of David
Solomon told Hiram he planned to fulfill the request of David
Solomon asked for materials from Hiram

b. this request included involvement by Hiram - 5:7-12

Hiram rejoiced to hear the desire of Solomon
Hiram said he would provide materials for Solomon
Hiram said his servants would bring the materials
Hiram provided all the materials that Solomon desired
Hiram was paid by Solomon for the materials
Hiram and Solomon had peace between them

c. this preparation required gathering workers - 5:13-18

Solomon sent 30,000 men to work in Lebanon
Solomon sent them 10,000 at a time for a month
Solomon had 150,000 other workers to prepare stones
Solomon had 3,300 to supervise the work
Solomon instructed them to use costly stones
Solomon had all the workers prepare the materials

Lessons from the life of Hiram

Hiram had a great love for David and his family

Hiram rejoiced at the blessing of the Lord

Hiram worked as a team with Solomon

Hiram was a man of peace

2. the temple took seven years to build - 6:1-38

a. Scripture gives the size of the temple - 6:1-4

the temple began to be built 480 years after they came out of Egypt
the temple was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 45 feet high

b. Scripture gives the design of the temple - 6:5-10

the temple had three levels
the temple had the material prepared at another place

c. Scripture calls for obedience to the Word - 6:11-13

God called His people to obedience
God promised to dwell with His people if they were obedient

d. Scripture gives the inner covering of the temple - 6:14-22

the inner walls were covered with wood
the inner sanctuary was covered with cedar
the inner sanctuary was covered with decorations
the inner sanctuary was where the ark was placed
the inner sanctuary was overlaid with pure gold
the inner sanctuary had the altar by it overlaid with pure gold

e. Scripture describes the inner sanctuary - 6:23-36

the two cherubim were in the inner sanctuary
the two cherubim were built alike
the two cherubim touched the walls of the inner sanctuary
the two cherubim were overlaid with pure gold
the inner sanctuary had figures carved on the walls
the inner sanctuary had an entrance made of olive trees
the inner sanctuary had two doors overlaid with gold
the inner sanctuary had carved images on the doors

f. Scripture tells when the temple was completed - 6:37-38

the temple was begun in the fourth year of Solomon's rule

3. the temple and Solomon's house took many years to build - 7:1-12

the house of Solomon took thirteen years to build
the house of Solomon was 150 feet by 75 feet
the house of Solomon was three stories in height
the house of Solomon had a porch for his throne
the house of Solomon was made of costly stones and wood

4. the temple had furnishings made for it - 7:13-51

the work of Hiram for the temple - 7:13-45

Hiram was chosen to build the furnishings of the temple
Hiram was a man of wisdom, understanding and skill
Hiram made the pillars and their art work
Hiram made the melted sea of bronze
Hiram made the ten bases for the altar of bronze
Hiram made ten lavers of bronze
Hiram finished all of the other things needed for the temple

the oversight of Solomon for the work of the temple - 7:46-51

Solomon did not even weight the bronze there was so much
Solomon had the furniture in the holy place made of gold
Solomon completed the work of building the temple

Lessons from the life of Hiram the skilled worker

Hiram was not stopped by obstacles

**he was the son of a widow
he was part Jewish and part Phoenician**

Hiram had been given skill to work with bronze by God

Hiram had been filled with wisdom by God

Hiram had been filled with understanding by God

Hiram had been filled with skill by God

5. the temple was dedicated to God - 8:1-66

a. this dedication included all the leaders of Israel - 8:1-5

the leaders were gathered to bring up the ark of the covenant
the leaders were joined by all the men of Israel
the leaders and the priests brought up the ark
the leaders, the king and all of the people offered sacrifices

b. this dedication included the glory of the Lord filling the temple - 8:6-11

the ark was brought into the most holy place
the ark was covered by the cherubim
the ark had the staves drawn out
the ark contained only the two tables of stone
the ark was covered by the cloud of the glory of the Lord
the ark could no longer be approached by the priests

c. this dedication included a speech by Solomon - 8:12-21

the king said he had built a house for the Lord to meet Israel
the king then blessed the Lord before all Israel
the king reviewed the desire of David
the king reviewed the promise made to David
the king said that the Lord had carried out His promises

Lessons from the dedication of the temple

A dedication should include the gathering of the people

A dedication should focus on thanksgiving to the Lord

A dedication should focus on meeting God on His terms

A dedication should seek to bring glory to God

A dedication should expressing blessing to the Lord

A dedication should focus on the heart attitudes of men

A dedication should speak of the faithfulness of the Lord

d. this dedication included a prayer by Solomon - 8:22-54

Solomon began his prayer by recognizing the greatness of God

Solomon recognized that no temple was adequate for God

Solomon asked the Lord to respect his prayer

Solomon asked the Lord to have respect for the prayers of the people

Solomon asked the Lord to judge those who made false promises

Solomon asked the Lord to hear when they needed help from enemies

Solomon asked the Lord to hear their prayer for forgiveness

Solomon asked the Lord to hear when they expressed personal guilt

Solomon asked the Lord to hear the prayer of the foreigner

Solomon asked the Lord to hear when they prayed during war

Solomon asked the Lord to hear when they were taken captive

Solomon asked the Lord to have His eyes and ears open

e. this dedication included a blessing - 8:55-61

Solomon prayed before the Lord kneeling on his knees

Solomon stood and blessed all the people with a loud voice

Solomon also blessed the Lord for keeping His promises

Solomon asked the Lord to help them incline their hearts to God

Solomon wanted all people of the earth to know that the Lord is God

Solomon wanted the people to keep their hearts right before God

f. this dedication included the offering of sacrifices - 8:62-66

Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep

Solomon dedicated both the temple and the court to the Lord

Solomon provided a great feast that lasted seven days

Solomon sent the people home with joyful and glad hearts

More lessons from the dedication of the temple

A dedication is centered in prayer to God

A dedication is a commitment of the people to God

A dedication is a blessing to both the people and to God

A dedication is a time to celebrate God's blessing

D. Solomon gains great fame

9:1-10:29

1. the Lord appears to Solomon a second time - 9:1-9

a. the promise about the results of obedience - 9:1-5

the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time
the Lord said that He had heard the prayer of Solomon
the Lord promised to bless Solomon if he was obedient

b. the promise about the results of disobedience - 9:6-9

disobedience would cause Israel to be taken out of the land
disobedience would result in people questioning what God did to Israel
disobedience would cause others to see the judgment of God

2. the Lord continues to develop the nation - 9:10-28

a. this development included a large gift from Hiram - 9:10-14 (120 talents = 144,000 ounces of gold)

b. this development includes forced labor for the Canaanites - 9:15-21

c. this development includes expanded government - 9:22-24

d. this development resulted in worship of God - 9:25

e. this development led to further expansion - 9:26-28 (420 talents = 504,000 ounces of gold)

Lessons from the appearance and blessing of the Lord

the Lord says that obedience will bring blessing

the Lord says that disobedience will bring judgment

the Lord poured out His blessing on Israel as they obeyed

the Lord was recognized in the worship of Solomon

3. the Lord brought the Queen of Sheba to visit Solomon - 10:1-13

a. the queen heard of the fame of Solomon - 10:1

b. the queen asked many questions of Solomon - 10:2-3

Solomon was asked many questions by the Queen of Sheba
Solomon answered all of the questions of the Queen of Sheba

c. the queen saw the life of Solomon - 10:4-5

she heard his wisdom and saw his house
she had no more spirit in her

d. the queen spoke of what she saw - 10:6-9

she said it was true what people had said about the wisdom of Solomon
she said that she had not believed what she had heard about Solomon
she said that his servants were happy to hear his wisdom
she said that the Lord had blessed Israel

e. the queen exchanged gifts with Solomon - 10:10-13

the queen gave Solomon much gold and spices
the queen received all that she requested of Solomon

4. the Lord gave great wealth to Solomon - 10:14-29

Solomon received 666 talents of gold yearly - 800,000 ounces
Solomon made shields of gold
Solomon made a throne of ivory
Solomon surpassed all kings in wealth
Solomon was sought by all for his wisdom
Solomon also had chariots and horses

Lessons from the life of the Queen of Sheba

**the queen chose to test Solomon with hard questions
the queen asked questions about many different things
the queen observed all that was happening around her
the queen was ready to admit her lack of belief
the queen gave glory to God for what she saw**

E. Solomon turns away from God 11:1-40

1. the Lord gives the reasons why Solomon turned away from God - 11:1-8

Solomon loved many foreign women who followed other gods
Solomon had many wives who turned away his heart
Solomon had his wives who turned him to other gods
Solomon did evil as he turned to these other gods
Solomon offered sacrifices to these other gods

2. the Lord warned Solomon of the consequences of sin - 11:9-13

Solomon had the Lord appear to him twice in the past
Solomon had not obeyed the commands of the Lord
Solomon was told the kingdom would be taken from him
Solomon heard this would happen in the days of his son
Solomon was told one tribe would be left for David's sake

3. the Lord raised up adversaries against Solomon - 11:14-40

a. one adversary was Hadad - 11:14-22

Hadad was an Edomite who had fled from David
Hadad had been raised in Egypt
Hadad had married the sister of Pharaoh's wife
Hadad had returned to Edom after David died

Lessons from the failures of Solomon

Solomon shows the danger of marrying unbelieving partners

Solomon shows that a heart can be turned away from God

Solomon shows that wisdom does not protect from doing evil

Solomon shows how a person can begin to mix false worship

Solomon shows that the Lord will judge sin

b. one adversary was Rezon - 11:23-25

Rezon had fled from Zobah
Rezon was angry because David killed the people of Zobah
Rezon became the king of Damascus
Rezon was an adversary all the days of Solomon

c. one adversary was Jeroboam - 11:26-40

Jeroboam had been ruler of Joseph under Solomon
Jeroboam was met by a prophet named Ahijah
Jeroboam was told he would rule over ten tribes
Jeroboam was told this was due to the fact Israel had turned away from God
Jeroboam was told he would not gain this power while Solomon was alive
Jeroboam was told this would happen after Solomon died
Jeroboam was told he would not be given the city of Jerusalem
Jeroboam was told he would become the king over ten tribes of Israel
Jeroboam was encouraged to follow the commandments of the Lord
Jeroboam was forced to flee to Egypt for personal safety

**E. Solomon dies and is buried
11:41-43**

Solomon ruled for forty years
Solomon was buried in the city of Jerusalem

Lessons from the early life of Jeroboam

Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor

Jeroboam was a very industrious young man

Jeroboam was placed over the labor force of Joseph

Jeroboam was called by God to judge Solomon

Jeroboam was told of the consequences of sin

II.

The Kingdom after it was divided

12:1-22:53

A. the rule of Rehoboam brings division

12:1-24

1. Rehoboam was asked to lighten the burden of the people - 12:1-5

the people came to Shechem to crown Rehoboam
the people asked Jeroboam to speak for them
the people asked Rehoboam to lighten the load of taxes
the people gave Rehoboam three days to consider their request

2. Rehoboam asked the advice of the elders - 12:6-7

3. Rehoboam asked the advice of the young men - 12:8-11

4. Rehoboam followed the advice of the young men - 12:12-15

the people were answered roughly and the advice of the elders was rejected
the people were told that their burden would become even greater
the people were not listened to by the king

5. Rehoboam heard Israel reject him and choose Jeroboam - 12:16-20

6. Rehoboam was warned not to fight against Israel - 12:21-24

Lessons from the leadership of Rehoboam

a leader needs to seek the advice of all the people

a leader needs to seek the wisdom of the elders

a leader needs to listen to the needs of the people

a leader needs to serve and develop the people

Rehoboam did only the first and failed to lead!

B. the rule of Jeroboam over Israel 12:25-14:20

1. Jeroboam set up idols for the people to worship - 12:25-33

the worship of Israel was the first thing Jeroboam changed
the worship of Israel had been at Jerusalem
the worship of Jeroboam went back to the idol worship of Egypt
the worship of Israel was led by unspiritual leaders
the worship of Israel was devised in the heart of Jeroboam

2. Jeroboam was warned by a man of God -13:1-32

a. the man of God gave Jeroboam a warning 13:1-3

the altar in Bethel was where God spoke to Jeroboam
the altar at Bethel would be judged by God
the altar at Bethel would be torn down

b. the man of God was protected from Jeroboam - 13:4-10

Jeroboam had his hand paralyzed when he spoke against the man of God
Jeroboam saw his altar torn down by God as a sign to him
Jeroboam asked the prophet to pray that his hand would be restored
Jeroboam offered to give the prophet a meal and reward
Jeroboam heard his offer refused by the man of God
Jeroboam heard the prophet say that he would obey God
Jeroboam saw the prophet leave town another way

Lessons from the false worship of Jeroboam

false worship was the way Jeroboam tried to control the people

false worship is actually idol worship because it leaves out God

false worship will be led by people who do not know God

false worship is devised in the heart of evil men

false worship will be judged by God

c. the man of God was pursued by an old prophet - 13:11-19

the old prophet heard what had happened to the king
the old prophet went after the man of God
the old prophet invited the man of God to eat with him
the old prophet heard what God had told the man of God
the old prophet lied to the man of God
the old prophet took the man of God home to eat

d. the man of God was warned of judgment by the old prophet - 13:20-22

the man of God was told that he had disobeyed
the man of God was told that he would die for disobedience

e. the man of God was killed by a lion - 13:23-25

the man of God was killed by the lion
the man of God had the lion continue to stand by his body

f. the man of God was buried by the old prophet - 13:26-32

the prophet heard what had happened to the man of God
the prophet brought the man back and buried him in his own grave
the prophet said that the words of the man of God would be fulfilled

3. Jeroboam chose other priests - 13:33-34

Jeroboam did not turn from his evil ways
Jeroboam led his family to follow his evil ways

Lessons from the life of the man of God

the man of God was faithful in giving his message
the man of God called for Jeroboam to be obedient to God
the man of God did not practice obedience in his own life
the man of God was told he would be judged for disobedience
the man of God died for his own disobedience

4. Jeroboam saw his son die - 14:1-18

a. the wife of Jeroboam went to ask Ahijah about her son - 14:1-4

Jeroboam saw his son become sick
Jeroboam sent his wife to Ahijah in disguise
Jeroboam sent his wife to find out what would happen to the child
Jeroboam sent his wife to a prophet who was blind

b. the wife of Jeroboam heard the entire family would be destroyed - 14:5-16

Ahijah was told by God that the wife of Jeroboam was coming
Ahijah said, "Come in you wife of Ahijah"
Ahijah said that God had given Jeroboam his position of leadership
Ahijah said that Jeroboam had done more evil than all who ruled before him
Ahijah said that the Lord would bring evil on the family of Jeroboam
Ahijah said that the child would die as a child because some good was in him
Ahijah said that God would judge the family of Jeroboam
Ahijah said that god would judge the nation of Israel for their sin

c. the wife of Jeroboam saw her son die - 14:17-18

the son died at the very moment his mother entered the house
the son was buried and Israel mourned for him

5. Jeroboam died and was buried - 14:19-20

Jeroboam continued to rule for a period of time
Jeroboam was replaced by his son Nadab

Lessons from the failures of Jeroboam

Jeroboam led Israel away from the worship of God

Jeroboam devised his evil worship in his own mind

Jeroboam led the people to follow his evil worship

Jeroboam was judged for his evil worship

Jeroboam caused all Israel to be judged for his evil

C. the rule of Rehoboam over Judah 14:21-31

1. Rehoboam and the people did evil - 14:21-24

Judah had an bad example set by Rehoboam
Judah chose to do greater evil than any of their fathers
Judah built places to worship idols on every high hill
Judah also allowed male prostitutes in the land

2. Rehoboam had his riches taken by Shishak - 14:25-28

Shishak came and made war with Judah
Shishak took away all the gold shields from Judah
Shishak forced Judah to make bronze shields

3. Rehoboam died and was buried - 14:29-31

D. the rule of Abijah (Abijam) over Judah 15:1-8

Abijam only ruled for three years
Abijam continued to follow the sins of his father
Abijam was allowed to rule by God for David's sake
Abijam continued to have war with Jeroboam
Abijam died and was buried

Lessons from the life of Rehoboam

Rehoboam led others to sin by his bad example

Rehoboam led the people to become more and more evil

Rehoboam made idol worship the worship of Judah

Rehoboam allowed male prostitutes in Judah

Rehoboam began to experience the judgment of God

Rehoboam led his son to follow his evil example

E. the rule of Asa over Judah 15:9-24

1. Asa was a good king who followed God - 15:9-15

he became king in the twentieth year of Jeroboam
he ruled as king of Judah for 41 years
he did what was right in the sight of the Lord
he removed the male prostitutes from Judah
he removed his grandmother as queen mother for idol worship
he had a loyal heart the Lord throughout his rule
he brought offerings of silver and gold to the temple

2. Asa had war with Baasha - 15:16-22

he and Baasha had constant war
he saw Baasha built Ramah to blockade Judah
he sent his riches to the king of Syria
he asked the king of Syria to break his treaty with Baasha
he saw the king of Syria join him to fight against Baasha
he saw Baasha stop building the city of Ramah
he had the stones Baasha had brought to Ramah removed

3. Asa died and was buried - 15:23-24

Asa suffered disease in his feet in his old age
Asa died and was buried

Lessons from the life of Asa

Asa chose not to follow the evil ways of his father

Asa chose to follow the Lord and please Him

Asa chose to set a good example by separating from sin

Asa chose to set a good example of faithfulness to the Lord

Asa chose to set an example of giving to the Lord

Asa was given victory over Baasha

F. the rule of Nadab over Israel 15:25-31

Nadab was the son of Jeroboam and ruled two years
Nadab followed all of the evil ways of his father
Nadab was killed by Baasha who then became king
Nadab and the entire family of Jeroboam were destroyed
Nadab and his family had led Israel to sin

G. the rule of Baasha over Israel 15:32-16:7

1. Baasha followed the evil ways of Jeroboam - 15:32-34

Baasha fought against Asa throughout his rule
Baasha ruled for 24 years
Baasha followed all of the sins of Jeroboam

2. Baasha was warned of coming judgment - 16:1-4

Jehu was sent by God to warn Baasha
Jehu said that God was the one who allowed Baasha to rule
Jehu said that Baasha and his family would be judged like Baasha
Jehu said the dogs and the birds would eat their bodies

3. Baasha died and was buried - 16:5-7

Baasha was buried in the city of Tirzah
Baasha had provoked the Lord to anger by all of his evil

Lessons from the lives of Nadab and Baasha

the sins of the fathers are usually followed by their children

the sins of the fathers can bring judgment to entire families

the sins of leaders can bring an entire nation to judgment

the sins of leaders will one day bring judgment to them

**H. the rule of Elah over Israel
16:8-14**

Elah ruled for two years over Israel
Elah was drinking himself drunk in Tirzah
Elah was killed by Zimri while he was drunk
Elah and the entire family of Baasha were destroyed by Zimri

**I. the rule of Zimri over Israel
16:15-20**

Zimri ruled for seven days
Zimri was rejected by the people for Omri
Zimri committed suicide to keep from being captured
Zimri had also followed all the sins of Jeroboam
Zimri was guilty of treason

**J. the rule of Omri over Israel
16:21-28**

Omri was opposed by Tibni
Omri defeated Tibni and became the king
Omri ruled for twelve years
Omri made Samaria the capital of Israel
Omri did more evil than all the kings who were before him
Omri followed all of the sins of Jeroboam
Omri was replaced by his son Ahab

Lessons from the lives of Elah, Zimri and Omri

these kings were all very evil

these kings taught their families to do evil

these kings led the people toward greater violence

these kings continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam

these kings were promised judgment from God

K. the rule of Ahab over Israel 16:29-22:40

1. Ahab was more evil than all the kings before him - 16:29-34

he was king for 22 years
he did more evil than all the kings before him
he took Jezebel as his wife and served Baal
he had an altar built for Baal and a wooden image in Samaria
he was king when Jericho was rebuilt

2. Ahab hears Elijah predict a drought - 17:1-24

a. Elijah predicts the coming drought - 17:1

b. Elijah is cared for by the brook Cherith - 17:2-7

the Lord told Elijah to hide by the brook Cherith
the Lord told Elijah He would provide water and food there
the Lord provided there until the brook dried up

c. Elijah is cared for by a widow of Zaraphath - 17:8-16

the widow would provide for Elijah was the promise of the Lord
the widow was preparing for the last meal for she and her son
the widow was told that the Lord would cause her food to last
the widow saw the Lord provide for all of their needs

d. Elijah raises the son of the widow of Zaraphath - 17:17-24

the son of the widow became sick and died
the son of the widow was raised back to life by the Lord
the son of the widow was presented to his mother

Lessons from the life of the widow of Zaraphath

**the widow was not a Jew but was from Sidon
the widow believed the word of Elijah
the widow saw the Lord provide for her needs
the widow saw the Lord raise her son back to life**

3. Ahab and the prophets of Baal are challenged by Elijah - 18:1-46

a. Elijah reveals himself to Obadiah - 18:1-16

1). Obadiah was send by Ahab to look for grass - 18:1-6

the Lord sent Elijah to talk to Ahab
the Lord had a God fearing servant of Ahab named Obadiah
the Lord had used Obadiah to protect 100 prophets from Jezebel
the Lord caused Ahab and Obadiah to look for water for the animals
the Lord caused each of these men to go in a different direction

2). Obadiah was told to tell Ahab Elijah was coming - 18:7-16

Elijah met Obadiah as he was searching for water
Elijah told Obadiah to tell Ahab that Elijah had come
Elijah heard Obadiah speak of his fear of being killed by Ahab
Elijah heard how Ahab had been searching for him for a long time
Elijah heard of the fear of Obadiah that Elijah would disappear
Elijah heard how Obadiah had protected the prophets of God
Elijah heard of the fear of Obadiah that Ahab would kill him
Elijah promised Obadiah that he would meet with Ahab that day
Elijah saw Obadiah go and tell Ahab that he had seen Elijah

b. Elijah tells Ahab to gather the prophets of Baal - 18:17-19

Ahab blamed Elijah for the lack of water in Israel
Ahab was reminded that he was the one who rejected God
Ahab was told to gather the prophets of Baal and Asherah

Lessons from the life of Obadiah

Obadiah served God even while working for a very evil king

Obadiah was a faithful servant that the king could trust

Obadiah had a fear that Ahab would kill him

Obadiah was willing to obey the instructions of Elijah

Obadiah trusted the Lord to deal with his fear of Ahab

c. Elijah defeats the prophets of Baal - 18:20-40

1). the people are asked to make a choice - 18:20-21

Elijah had Ahab call together all the people at Mount Carmel
Elijah asked all of the people to make a choice of who to serve

2). the people saw Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal - 18:22-25

Elijah told the people that they should see who was the true God
Elijah told the prophets of Baal to prepare a sacrifice but no fire

3). the people saw the prophets of Baal go unanswered - 18:26-29

the prophets of Baal called on their god but got no answer
the prophets of Baal were mocked by Elijah
the prophets of Baal cut themselves to try and get an answer
the prophets of Baal tried all day but got no response

4). the people see the Lord answer Elijah - 18:30-39

Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord
Elijah dug a trench around the altar of the Lord
Elijah covered the sacrifice, wood, altar and trench with water
Elijah prayed that God would glorify Himself in the sight of all of the people
Elijah saw the Lord answer by sending fire to consume the wet sacrifice
Elijah heard the people recognize God as the true and living God
Elijah told the people to destroy the false prophets of Baal

d. Elijah promises that there will be rain - 18:40-46

Ahab was promised that there would soon be rain
Ahab saw God answer Elijah by sending rain
Ahab even lost the race to get back to Jezreel

Lessons from the obedience of Elijah

**Elijah was not afraid to challenge the sins of Ahab
Elijah was not afraid to challenge the false prophets of Baal
Elijah knew that he could trust the Lord to answer his prayer
Elijah wanted to glorify God in front of all of the people**

4. Ahab and Jezebel try to destroy Elijah - 19:1-21

a. Elijah has his life threatened by Jezebel - 19:1-2

Jezebel heard all that Elijah had done and how he had killed her false prophets
Jezebel promised Elijah that he would also be dead by that time the next day

b. Elijah ran and fled to Beersheba - 19:3-7

he ran from northern Israel to southern Judah
he prayed that the Lord would let him die
he had the Lord provide food and water instead

c. Elijah fled to Mount Horeb - 19:8

d. Elijah is encouraged by God - 19:9-14

he was asked by God what he was doing in a cave at Mt. Horeb
he felt that he was the only one left who was serving God
he was given a demonstration by God of the power of God
he was called by God with a still small voice
he was questioned by God as to what he was doing at Mt. Horeb
He said a second time that he was the only one left who served God

e. Elijah is told God will use others - 19:15-18

he was told to anoint Hazeal, Jehu and Elisha to do the work of the Lord
he was told that there were 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal

f. Elijah is joined by Elisha - 19:19-21

Elisha was plowing when Elijah met him
Elisha was ready to tell his parents good-bye and follow Elijah
Elisha left his family and served Elijah

Lessons from the discouragement of Elijah

**we will get discouraged if we take our eyes off God and look at people
we will get discouraged when we depend on emotional and physical strength
we will get discouraged if we think that we are all alone against the world
we need God to remind us that He will provide all we need**

5. Ahab fights against the Syrians - 20:1-43

a. Ben-hadad demands the family and possessions of Ahab - 20:1-9

Ahab had a great army gathered against him by Ben-hadad
Ahab had his possession and prettiest wives demanded by Ben-hadad
Ahab said that he would give all that Ben-hadad had requested
Ahab heard that Ben-hadad would also send a search team to take what they chose
Ahab called the leaders of Israel and told them what Ben-hadad had said
Ahab heard the leaders reject the request of Ben-hadad
Ahab sent a message to Ben-hadad that he would not allow a search

b. Ben-hadad says he will completely destroy Israel - 20:10-12

Ahab heard that his city would be reduced to dust
Ahab told Ben-hadad not to boast until he won a battle
Ahab had an army come against him whose leaders were drunk

c. Ben-hadad forgot about God - 20:13-16

God sent a prophet to tell Ahab that God would deliver him
God told Ahab how he was supposed to fight the battle
God was not concerned about the size of the army of Israel
God knew what was happening to Ben-hadad and his leaders

d. Ben-hadad and his army suffer a great defeat - 20:17-21

the young leaders went out as a patrol
the young leaders should be captured alive said Ben-hadad
the young leaders were followed by the army of Israel
the young leaders each killed a Syrian
the young leaders led Israel to a great victory

Lessons from the pride of Ben-hadad

Ben-hadad did not think that Israel could stand against him
Ben-hadad wanted to take all that his heart desired
Ben-hadad was boasting about what he would do
Ben-hadad thought that he could lead the army while drunk
Ben-hadad totally forgot about the power of God
Ben-hadad suffered a great defeat

e. Ben-hadad attacked again the next year - 20:22-27

the king of Syria would fight against Israel again
the king of Syria was told his gods were stronger
the king of Syria was told to replace the kings with captains
the king of Syria was told to prepare an equally strong army
the king of Syria went to fight Israel in the spring
the king of Syria had an army that greatly outnumbered Israel

f. Ben-hadad was defeated again - 20:28-30

Ahab was told God would be glorified over the Syrians
Ahab and the army of Israel won a great victory over the Syrians
Ahab saw many other Syrians killed by God

g. Ben-hadad was spared by Ahab - 20:31-34

the king of Syria sent his servants in sackcloth
the king of Syria had his servant ask for his life
the king of Syria was brought to Ahab
the king of Syria received a peace treaty from Ahab

h. Ben-hadad's escape brings a warning of judgment to Ahab -20:35-43

the son of a prophet asked his neighbor to strike him
the son of a prophet warned the neighbor of judgment
the son of a prophet found another man to strike him
the son of a prophet disguised himself and waited for the king
the son of a prophet told the king a story about guarding a man
the son of the prophet told the king about the man escaping
the son of the prophet was recognized by the king
the son of the prophet told the king he was the guilty guard
the son of the prophet saw the king become very sullen

Lessons from the disobedience of Ahab

**Ahab did not look to the Lord for guidance
Ahab chose to do things in his own way
Ahab was told he had disobeyed God
Ahab became angry and sullen**

6. Ahab desires the vineyard of Naboth - 21:1-29

a. Jezebel promises that she will get the vineyard of Naboth - 21:1-7

Naboth had a vineyard next to the palace of Ahab
Naboth was asked to sell his vineyard to Ahab
Naboth did not want to sell the inheritance of his fathers
(the response of Ahab)
Ahab became sullen and displeased and began to pout
Ahab became so upset he refused to eat
Ahab was mad because he did not get his way
Ahab was promised the vineyard by Jezebel

b. Jezebel planned the murder of Naboth - 1:8-16

the murder was planned in the mind of Jezebel
the murder was planned by getting men to accuse Naboth falsely
the murder was arranged by the men of the city
the murder was carried out by the men of the city
the murder was reported to Jezebel
the murder allowed Ahab to go to take possession of the vineyard

c. Jezebel and Ahab are warned of judgment by Elijah - 21:17-26

Ahab was met by Elijah at the vineyard
Ahab was told that he had sold himself to do evil
Ahab was told that he would be judged
Ahab was told that Jezebel would be eaten by dogs
Ahab was more evil than all the kings before him

d. Jezebel saw Ahab humble himself - 21:27-29

Ahab heard the message of the Lord and humbled himself
Ahab had the judgment delayed because he humbled himself

Lessons from the lives of Jezebel and Ahab

Ahab and Jezebel both acted like spoiled children
Ahab and Jezebel were willing to kill to get what they wanted
Ahab and Jezebel were more evil than any kings before them
Ahab had his life spared because he humbled himself

7. Ahab loses his final battle - 22:1-40

a. the king prepares to fight against Syria - 22:1-4

Ahab went for three years without fighting with Syria
Ahab had the king of Judah come to visit him
Ahab asked the king of Judah go with him to fight Syria
Ahab heard that the king of Judah would go with with him to fight

b. the king is asked to seek the advice of the Lord - 22:5-28

1). Micaiah was not invited with the false prophets - 22:5-7

Jehoshaphat asked Ahab to seek counsel from the Lord
Jehoshaphat heard the good word of the false prophets
Jehoshaphat asked if there was a true prophet of the Lord

2). Micaiah said he would speak the word of the Lord - 22:8-14

the king said that he hated Micaiah because he spoke evil of him
the king gave orders to call Micaiah
the king had all the false prophets gathered before him
the king was told again that he would destroy the Syrians
the king heard this from all of the false prophets
the king had a messenger who encouraged Micaiah to lie
the king heard that Micaiah would speak what the Lord told him to speak

3). Micaiah mocked the king - 22:15-16

the king was told that he would win in a mocking voice
the king made Micaiah swear that he would tell the truth

4). Micaiah said that judgment would come - 22:17-18

the king heard that the people would be like sheep without a shepherd
the king said that Micaiah would speak evil of him

Lessons from the way Ahab sought counsel

**Ahab did not want to hear the truth
Ahab did not want to listen to the truth**

5). Micaiah told the king his prophets were lying - 22:19-25

the Lord asked the (fallen) angels who would deceive Ahab
the Lord heard these angels suggest various ways to deceive Ahab
the Lord heard one of these angels who said he would persuade him
the Lord heard that angel say he would put a lying spirit in his prophets
the Lord now warned Ahab through Micaiah that he was facing disaster
the Lord was claimed as his source by one of the false prophets
the Lord would show that Micaiah was telling the truth

6). Micaiah was put in prison - 22:26-28

the king ordered Micaiah taken to his son
the king ordered his son to put Micaiah in prison
the king and the people received a final warning

c. the king is wounded on the battlefield - 22:29-34

Ahab took the king of Judah with him to battle
Ahab disguised himself for the battle
Ahab was the focus of the army of Syria
Ahab almost had his trick work
Ahab did not expect the Syrians to figure out his deception
Ahab was hit by the random shot of an arrow

d. the king died and was buried - 22:35-40

Ahab was bleeding throughout the battle
Ahab died and was buried in Samaria
Ahab had his blood licked up by the dogs
Ahab was followed by his son Ahaziah

Lessons from the death of Ahab

Ahab chose to listen to prophets he knew were false

Ahab chose to listen to those he knew were deceiving him

Ahab chose to try and protect himself through deception

Ahab reaped the results of his choices

L. the rule of Jehoshaphat over Judah 22:41-50

1. Jehoshaphat did what was right - 22:41-43

the king of Judah became king in the fourth year of Ahab's rule
the king of Judah ruled for 25 years in the city of Jerusalem
the king of Judah did the things that were right in the sight of God

2. Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel - 22:44

3. Jehoshaphat tried to get gold from Ophir - 22:45-49

the king of Judah did many things as king
the king of Judah banished the rest of the male prostitutes
the king of Judah did not have to deal with a king in Edom
the king of Judah had his treasure ships wrecked before sailing
the king of Judah would not let Ahab's son help him
the king of Judah died a peaceful death

M. the rule of Ahaziah over Israel 22:51-53

Ahaziah ruled for two years over Israel
Ahaziah followed all of the evil ways of Jeroboam
Ahaziah followed all of the evil ways of his father

Lessons from the life of Jehoshaphat

Jehoshaphat did the things that were right in the sight of God

Jehoshaphat dealt with the sin of the male prostitutes

Jehoshaphat tried to work together with ungodly Ahab

Jehoshaphat learned an important lesson from the death of Ahab

Jehoshaphat refused to work with ungodly Ahaziah

II Kings

Introduction

The book of II Kings begins where I Kings ends and takes us from that time to the end of the kingdom of Israel and the end of the kingdom of Judah. Judgment would come on the nation of Israel 136 years before judgment came on the nation of Judah. We will see that every one of the kings of Israel was evil and they all followed the sins of the previous kings. In the nation of Judah we will see that some kings were good and some kings were evil. It was the example and leadership of these good kings that caused Judah to be preserved for 136 years longer than the nation of Israel. From these kings we will learn many lessons both about effective leadership and destructive leadership.

Israel

Ahaziah (853-852 BC) - evil

Joram (852-841 BC) - evil

Jehu (841-814 BC) - evil

Jehoahaz (814-798 BC) - evil

Jehoash (798-782 BC) - evil

Jeroboam II (782-753 BC) - evil

Zechariah (753-752 BC) - evil

Shallum (752 BC) - evil

Menahem (752-742 BC) - evil

Pekahiah (742-740 BC) - evil

Pekah (740-732 BC) - evil

Hoshea (732-722 BC) - evil

Judah

Jehoshaphat (870-848 BC) - good

Jehoram (848-841 BC) - evil

Ahaziah (841 BC) - evil

Athaliah (841-835 BC) - evil

Joash (835-796 BC) - good

Amaziah (796-767 BC) - good

Azariah (767-740 BC) - good

Ahaz (732-716 BC) - evil

Hezekiah (716-687 BC) - good

Manasseh (687-642 BC) - evil

Amon (642-640 BC) -

Josiah (640-608 BC) - good

Jehoahaz (608 BC) - evil

Jehoiakim (608-597 BC) - evil

Jehoiachin (597 BC) - evil

Zedekiah (597-586 BC) - evil

II.

Judah and Israel continue as divided kingdoms 1:1-17:41

A. the reign of Ahaziah in Israel 1:1-18

1. Ahaziah asks Elijah if he will live - 1:1-4

the king fell and was injured so sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub
the king had his messengers intercepted by Elijah
the king was sent a message that he would not recover

2. Ahaziah tries to kill Elijah - 1:5-12

the king had his messengers return with their message
the king figured out that the message had come from Elijah
the king sent a captain with fifty to arrest Elijah
the king had his first captain and fifty destroyed by fire from heaven
the king sent a second captain with fifty to arrest Elijah
the king had his second captain and fifty destroyed by fire from heaven

3. Ahaziah has one captain who recognizes the power of God - 1:13-16

the third captain and his fifty recognized the power of God
the third captain asked Elijah for his life to be spared
the third captain had Elijah go with him to meet the king
the third captain heard Elijah tell the king he would die

4. Ahaziah dies and is buried - 1:17-18

Lessons from the life of Ahaziah

**Ahaziah followed the evil ways of Jeroboam
Ahaziah followed the evil ways of Ahab, his father
Ahaziah looked for help from the idols of Baal
Ahaziah rejected the message of God through Elijah
Ahaziah tried to kill Elijah for telling the truth
Ahaziah experienced the judgment of God**

B. The reign of Jehoram (Joram) in Israel 2:1-8:15

1. the ministry of Elijah - 2:1-11

a. Elijah prepares to go to heaven - 2:1-8

Elisha went with Elijah when the Lord was going to take him to heaven
Elisha was asked to stay in Gilgal but would not leave Elijah
Elisha heard again from the prophets of Bethel that Elijah would be taken
Elisha was asked to stay in Bethel but would not leave Elijah
Elisha heard again from the prophets of Jericho that Elijah would be taken
Elisha was asked to stay in Jericho but would not leave Elijah
Elisha and Elijah were watched by 50 prophets as they went to the Jordan
Elisha watched how Elijah struck the waters so they could cross on dry ground

b. Elijah is taken by a chariot of fire to heaven - 2:9-11

Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit
Elisha was told he would receive a double portion if he saw Elijah leave
Elisha watched as Elijah was taken by a whirlwind to heaven

2. the ministry of Elisha - 2:12-8:15

a. Elisha receives a double portion of Elijah's ministry - 2:12-14

the new prophet recognized that Elijah was gone
the new prophet took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen
the new prophet struck the water as he had seen Elijah do it

Lessons about transitions in leadership

we benefit greatly by spending time with leaders who walk with the Lord

we benefit greatly by watching older leaders as they minister

we benefit greatly by seeking a portion of the leader's spirit

**we benefit greatly if we are willing to take the mantle of leadership
passed on to us by leaders who have departed to the Lord**

b. Elisha begins his ministry - 2:15-25

1). the Lord brings the prophets to meet Elisha - 2:15-18

the prophets recognized that Elisha had the spirit of Elijah
the prophets asked for permission to hunt for the body of Elijah
the prophets kept asking for permission until they were allowed to search
the prophets came back after they had found nothing

2). the Lord heals the water through Elisha - 2:19-22

the men of Jericho said that the water in their city was bad
the men of Jericho were told to bring a bowl with salt in it
the men of Jericho saw Elisha go to the source of water and pray
the men of Jericho saw the Lord heal the water of their city

3). the Lord judges the young men who mock Elisha - 2:23-25

Elisha had some young men from the city of Jericho mock him
(these young men were actually challenging his right to be a prophet)
Elisha cursed the young men and two bears mauled them
((the Lord verified that He had chosen Elisha to be a prophet)
Elisha went to Mount Carmel and then to Samaria

Lessons from the beginning of Elisha's ministry

Elisha had a learner's attitude and learned from Elijah

Elisha had a servant's heart and had served Elijah

Elisha wanted the blessing of the Lord for ministry

Elisha followed the example given to him by Elijah

Elisha was recognized as a man of God by other prophets

Elisha had a concern for the need of the people of Jericho

Elisha allowed the Lord to vindicate his leadership

c. Elisha gives a warning to Jehoram - 3:1-27

1). Jehoram was not as evil as his parents - 3:1-3

King Jehoram ruled for twelve years over Israel
King Jehoram did not follow the sins of his parents
King Jehoram did follow the sins of Jeroboam

2). Jehoram goes to fight Moab - 3:4-8

the king of Moab had been paying taxes to Israel
the king of Moab rebelled against Jehoram after his father died
the king of Moab had Jehoram prepare to fight against him
the king of Moab also had to prepare to fight Jehoshaphat
the king of Moab did not know what way Jehoram would come

3). Jehoram is promised victory for the sake of Jehoshaphat - 3:9-20

the king of Israel thought they would die in the wilderness
the king of Israel asked if there was a prophet of God
the king of Israel took the other kings to see Elisha
the king of Israel heard the Lord would fight for Jehoshaphat
the king of Israel was told to make the valley full of ditches
the king of Israel heard the Lord would provide water
the king of Israel heard that they would also have victory over Moab

4). Jehoram defeats the king of Moab - 3:21-27

the kings had the Lord fight for them
the kings saw the army of Moab deceived
the kings saw the Lord fight for them
the kings saw the Lord give them victory over Moab
the kings saw the king of Moab sacrifice his son

Lessons from the victory over Moab

the Lord is the One who gives true victory

the Lord fights in very unusual ways

the Lord works as we depend on Him

d. Elisha has a great ministry - 4:1-8:15

1). the ministry to a widow - 4:1-7

the widow was going to have her sons taken as servants
the widow was asked what she had in the house
the widow was told to borrow empty containers
the widow was told to shut her door and fill those containers
the widow was obedient and poured her oil into the containers
the widow poured until all the containers were full
the widow was told to sell the oil to pay the debt and live on the rest

2). the ministry to the Shunammite woman - 4:8-37

a). the woman cares for Elisha

Elisha was given food by the woman
Elisha passed through that area on a regular basis
Elisha had a room prepared for him by the woman
Elisha was using that room one day as he traveled

b). the woman is promised a son 4:12-17

Elisha had his servant call the woman to him
Elisha asked the woman if she needed anything
Elisha was told the woman had no son
Elisha had his servant call the woman again
Elisha told the woman that she would have a son
Elisha had his promise fulfilled by God

Lessons from the lives of two women

the two women were both faithful to God

the two women were not concerned about themselves

the two women both learned that God could use what they had

the two women saw God provide more than they expected

the two women saw God meet their needs

c). the woman has her son die - 4:18-30

the son grew and became a young boy
the son was with his father and suddenly got a severe headache
the son was taken and brought to his mother
the son was taken up into the room prepared for Elisha
the son caused the woman to go and find Elisha
the son was causing the woman to experience great sorrow of heart
the son had a report given about him to Elisha
the son was going to receive a visit from Gehazi
the son instead received a visit from Elisha

d). the woman has her son raised - 4:31-37

Elisha was told that the son was dead
Elisha came and saw the dead son
Elisha went and prayed for the dead son
Elisha saw the son come back to life
Elisha called the woman to come for her son
Elisha gave the son restored to life to his mother

3). the ministry of Elisha at Gilgal - 4:38-44

Elisha came to Gilgal during a time of famine
Elisha was there when a stew was prepared from wild gourds
Elisha was there when they realized the gourds were poisonous
Elisha was used by God to heal the effects of the poisonous stew
Elisha had bread brought to him which he shared with the people
Elisha saw God multiply the loaves to provide enough for all the people
Elisha saw God provide more than enough food for the people

Lessons from the developing ministry of Elisha

Elisha expected God to work in difficult situations

Elisha realized the God had power over death

Elisha realized that God had power over poison

Elisha realized that God would supply needs

4). the ministry to Naaman the leper - 5:1-27

a). Naaman heard about Elisha - 5:1-7

the Lord was working to bring Naaman to himself
the Lord used a young girl that had been captured in Israel
the Lord used the young girl to tell about Elisha
the Lord caused Naaman to speak to his king to send him to Israel
the Lord caused the king of Israel to recognize his own limitations

b). Naaman obeyed and was healed - 5:8-14

Elisha heard that the king of Israel had a problem
Elisha had Naaman come to his house
Elisha sent a messenger to tell him what to do
Elisha did not do what Naaman expected
Elisha had Naaman leave his house in a rage
Elisha finally had his counsel obeyed
Elisha gave God the opportunity to perform a miracle to Naaman

c). Naaman offered a reward to Elisha - 8:15-19

Elisha heard Naaman recognize that God is the true God
Elisha refused the gift which Naaman offered to him
Elisha heard that Naaman wanted to begin to follow the Lord
Elisha heard that Naaman would have to go with the king to the idol's temple
Elisha encouraged Naaman to depart in peace

d). Naaman is deceived by Gehazi - 5:20-27

Gehazi saw an opportunity to get possessions for a reward for himself
Gehazi lied to get that reward for himself
Gehazi was given all that he requested
Gehazi tried to hide his sin from Elisha
Gehazi heard that Elisha knew all about his sin
Gehazi learned the consequences of sin would change his life

Lesson from the life of Gehazi

**the love of money will lead to sin
the love of money will lead to bad consequences**

5). the ministry of Elisha in recovering the axhead - 6:1-7

the sons of the prophets said their place was too small
the sons of the prophets were told to get beams to build a larger place
the sons of the prophets asked Elisha to go with them to get beams
the sons of the prophets lost an axhead in the water
the sons of the prophets saw God use Elisha to make the axhead float
the sons of the prophets saw the axhead retrieved by the one who lost it

6). the ministry of Elisha in stopping Syria - 6:8-7:20

a). Syria had it's war plans revealed - 6:8-12

the king of Syria took counsel with his servants
the king of Syria had his plans revealed by Elisha
the king of Israel sent a messenger to see if Elisha was telling the truth
the king of Syria thought one of his men was telling the king of Israel
the king of Syria learned that Elisha was the one revealing his plans

b). Syria tries to capture Elisha - 6:13-23

Elisha had spies come looking for him
Elisha had a great army come and surround the city at night
Elisha saw the fear of his servant when he saw the Syrians
Elisha told the servant that he did not need to fear the Syrians
Elisha prayed that the eyes of the servant would be opened
Elisha prayed that the Lord would blind the Syrians
Elisha told the Syrians to follow him and he led them to Samaria
Elisha prayed the Lord would open the eyes of the Syrians
Elisha was asked by the king of Israel whether he should kill the Syrians
Elisha told the king to feed them and send them home to Syria
Elisha caused the Syrians to stop making raids on Israel

Lessons from the life of Elisha

Elisha was always willing to help the prophets

Elisha looked to the Lord to reveal plans

Elisha set an example by returning good for evil

c). Syria tries to starve Samaria - 6:24-33

the king of Syria brought his army against the city of Samaria
the king of Syria tried to starve Samaria into surrendering
the king of Israel was asked for help by one of the women of Samaria
the king of Israel said that he did not know where to find help for her
the king said that she and another woman had agreed to eat their sons
the king heard that they had eaten her son but the other son had been hidden
the king was wearing sackcloth under his royal robes
the king blamed Elisha for the famine that they were experiencing
the king had his plans revealed to the elders by Elisha

d). Syria is driven away by the Lord - 7:1-11

Elisha said that the Lord would supply food by the next day
Elisha had his words rejected by the officer of the king
four lepers were outside the entrance to the gate of Samaria
four lepers decided their best hope was to surrender to the Syrians
four lepers found no one in the camp of the Syrians
four lepers did not know what the Lord had done to protect Israel
four lepers did not know that the Syrians had fled in fear
four lepers took food and possessions from the tents of the Syrians
four lepers saw the need to report the good news to all
four lepers gave their report to the gatekeeper of Samaria

e). Syria had their goods taken by Israel - 7:12-20

Israel thought that they were being tricked by the Syrians
Israel decided to send five men to see if the Syrians had fled
Israel sent the men to check what the Syrians were doing
Israel learned that the Syrians had fled for their lives
Israel went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians
Israel trampled the officer of the king
Israel saw the word of the Lord through Elisha fulfilled
Israel saw that the officer who was trampled died

Lessons from the Syrians attempts to destroy Israel

**the Lord is the One who worked on behalf of Israel
the Lord is able to work in ways which are very different
the Lord will always fulfill His promises**

7). the ministry of Elisha meets further needs of the Shunammite woman - 8:1-6

the woman was told to leave Samaria because the famine would last for seven years
the woman obeyed and went to the land of the Philistine
the woman went to the king to appeal for her house when she returned
the woman did not know how the Lord was working to prepare for her request
the woman appeared just as the king heard how her son had been restored to life
the king said that all that belonged to the woman should be restored

8). the ministry of Elisha in Damascus - 8:7-15

Elisha went to the city of Damascus when Ben-hadad was sick
Elisha had Hazael sent to him by Ben-hadad
Elisha had Hazael ask if Ben-hadad would recover from his illness
Elisha said that the Lord said Ben-hadad would certainly die
Elisha became very sad and began to cry
Elisha told Hazael that he knew the evil Hazael would do to Israel
Elisha told Hazael that he would become the next king of Syria
Elisha sent Hazael back to Ben-hadad with a message
Elisha saw his words carried out as Ben-hadad died the next day

C. The reign of Jehoram (Joram) in Judah 8:16-24

Jehoram began to rule in the fifth year of Joram, the son of Ahab
Jehoram ruled for a total of eight years in Jerusalem
Jehoram was evil like king Ahab since he was married to the daughter of Ahab
Jehoram was not destroyed because of God's promise to David
Jehoram saw the nation of Edom revolt against him
Jehoram made an attack on the people of Edom at night
Jehoram saw both Edom and Libnah succeed in their revolts
Jehoram died and was buried in the city of Jerusalem

Lessons from the life of Elisha

Elisha continued to minister to a woman who had been faithful

Elisha was an obedient messenger even to an evil king

Elisha had a great concern for his people knowing they would suffer for sin

D. the reign of Ahaziah in Judah

8:25-29

Ahaziah began to rule in the twelfth year of Joram, son of Ahab

Ahaziah was married to Athaliah, the granddaughter of Omri

Ahaziah was an evil king who followed the ways of Ahab

Ahaziah went with Joram to fight against the Syrians

Ahaziah went to visit Joram as he was recovering

E. the reign of Jehu in Israel

9:1-10:36

1. Jehu is anointed to become the king of Israel - 9:1-13

Elisha told a young man to anoint Jehu as the next king of Israel

Elisha told the young man to talk to Jehu in an inner room

Elisha told the young man to anoint Jehu as the next king and then flee

the young man obeyed and went to meet Jehu

the young man said that he had a message for the commander

the young man took Jehu into an inner room and anointed him

the young man said that Jehu would judge the whole house of Ahab

the young man said that the entire family of Jehu would be destroyed

the young man said the house of Jehu would become like the house of Jeroboam

the young man said that the dogs would eat Jezebel

the young man was called a madman by the men with Jehu

the young man had anointed Jehu as Elisha had told him to do

the young man was gone but they anointed Jehu as the new king

Lessons from the judgment of the house of Ahab

Ahab had a major negative effect on Judah as well as Israel

Ahab influenced some of the kings of Judah to do evil

Ahab brought judgment on himself and on his entire family

Ahab would have his entire family destroyed by Jehu

Ahab would have his evil wife, Jezebel, eaten by dogs

2. Jehu kills Jehoram (Joram) - 9:14-26

Joram did not know that Jehu was organizing a plot against him
Joram was in Jezreel recovering from his wounds
Joram had Ahaziah visiting him when Jehu was coming to kill him
Joram heard that a company of men was coming to Jezreel
Joram sent a messenger who stayed with the company of men
Joram sent a second messenger to find out who was coming
Joram heard that the chariot driver must be Jehu because he was driving furiously
Joram and Ahaziah got in their chariots and went to meet Jehu
Joram heard that Jehu could not come in peace due to the sins of Jezebel
Joram suddenly realized that Jehu was there to destroy him
Joram was shot in the back as he fled from Jehu
Joram had his body taken to the field of Naboth by Bidkar
Joram had his body thrown on the land that had belonged to Naboth

3. Jehu kills Ahaziah, king of Judah - 9:27-29

Ahaziah was also shot in his chariot
Ahaziah had his body taken to Jerusalem
Ahaziah had become king of Judah in the eleventh year of Joram, king of Israel

4. Jehu kills Jezebel - 9:30-37

Jezebel painted her face and looked out the window at Jehu
Jezebel called Jehu a murderer as he entered the gate of the city
Jezebel heard her servants asked if they were on Jehu's side
Jezebel could not resist as those servants threw her out the window
Jezebel had her body left there while Jehu had lunch
Jezebel had only her skull, feet and hands left by the time lunch was over
Jezebel had been eaten by dogs on the property of Naboth
Jezebel had the rest of her body thrown out as garbage

Lessons from the lives of Ahab's family

Joram was evil like his father, Ahab, and judgment came upon him

Ahaziah was evil like his uncle, Ahab, and judgment came upon him

Jezebel was more evil than her husband, Ahab, and judgment came on her+

5. Jehu kills the entire family of Ahab - 10:1-11

the family of Ahab included seventy sons
the family of Ahab was in the city of Jezreel which could be defended
the family of Ahab was invited to make the best qualified the next king
the family of Ahab caused the men of the city to experience great fear
the family of Ahab was not protected by the servants of the household
the family of Ahab was to be judged by having the sons beheaded
the family of Ahab saw the seventy sons of Ahab slaughtered and beheaded
the family of Ahab could do nothing to protect the heads of the sons
the family of Ahab experienced a righteous judgment because of sin
the family of Ahab was experiencing the judgment predicted by Elijah
the family of Ahab and all of his close associates were killed by Jehu

6. Jehu kills the princes of Judah - 10:12-17

the princes of Judah were met by Jehu at Beth Eked
the princes of Judah were all brothers of Ahaziah
the princes of Judah were all killed at Beth Eked
the princes of Judah were all related to Ahab through the mothers

the rest of the family of Ahab was living in the city of Samaria
Jehonadab was fighting the corrupt influence of the Canaanites
Jehonadab met Jehu as he was coming to the city of Samaria
Jehonadab invited Jehu to see his zeal for the Lord
Jehonadab joined in destroying all that remained of Ahab in Samaria

Lessons from the judgment of the family of Ahab

Ahab had corrupted the leadership of both Israel and Judah
(the corrupting of godly leaders in Judah happened through marriage)

Ahab and Jezebel did not even have the respect of their own servants

the descendents of Ahab had to have their corruption judged

the associates of Ahab had to have their corruption judged

the princes of Judah had to have their corruption judged

the extended family of Ahab had to have their corruption judged

7. Jehu destroys all the worshipers of Baal - 10:18-28

the worshipers of Baal heard that Jehu really wanted to serve Baal
the worshipers of Baal were to all be gathered for a great sacrifice to Baal
the worshipers of Baal were told that this would be a solemn assembly
the worshipers of Baal were all gathered into the temple of Baal
the worshipers of Baal were all dressed in special clothing
the worshipers of Baal were told to remove any that did not worship Baal
the worshipers of Baal did not know that eighty guards had been posted outside
the worshipers of Baal were all destroyed by these guards
the worshipers of Baal had the sacred pillars of their temple burned
the worshipers of Baal had their temple completely destroyed
the worshipers of Baal ceased to exist in the country of Israel

8. Jehu follows the sins of Jeroboam - 10:29-31

the Lord saw that Jehu did not remove the golden calves set up by Jeroboam
the Lord promised Jehu four generations for destroying the worship of Baal
the Lord also saw that Jehu did not pay any attention to the law of God

9. Jehu dies and is buried - 10:32-36

the Lord began to cut off parts of Israel in judgment
the Lord cut off from Israel all the land east of the Jordan
the Lord allowed the acts of Jehu to be recorded in the chronicles of Israel
the Lord allowed the son of Jehu to become king when Jehu died
the Lord allowed Jehu to rule for a total of 28 years

Lessons from the life of Jehu

Jehu was obedient to God in destroying the family of Ahab

Jehu made certain that every family member was destroyed

Jehu was obedient to God in destroying the worship of Baal

Jehu made certain that every worshiper of Baal was destroyed

Jehu did not destroy the false worship of Jeroboam

Jehu began to see Israel judged for false worship

F. the reign of Athaliah in Judah 11:1-16

1. Athaliah murders the royal seed - 11:1

2. Athaliah does not know that Joash escaped - 11:2-4

Joash was hidden when Athaliah destroyed all the other sons of Ahaziah
Joash was hidden in the temple for six years while Athaliah ruled the land
Joash was revealed to the leaders of the people by Jehoiada the priest

3. Athaliah does not know when Joash is crowned king - 11:5-12

Jehoiada assigned one third of the guards to keep watch over the king's house
Jehoiada assigned these men to keep the house from being destroyed
Jehoiada assigned two thirds of the guards to protect Joash from Athaliah
Jehoiada said that these guards were to surround Joash and protect him
Jehoiada saw each of the guards carry out their assigned responsibility
Jehoiada armed the guards with the spears and shields of King David
Jehoiada lined the escorts of Joash clear across the front of the temple
Jehoiada crowned Joash as the new king of Judah

4. Athaliah is put to death for her sin - 11:13-16

the queen heard the noise in the temple
the queen called Treason when she saw the crown on Joash
the queen was captured and put to death for her sins

Athaliah, the last evil child of Ahab, was judged by God

G. the reign of Joash (Jehoash) in Judah 11:17-12:21

1. Joash begins his rule as king - 11:17-21

Jehoiada led the people and the king in making a covenant with the Lord
Jehoiada and the the people destroyed the temple of Baal and its leaders
Jehoiada took Joash into the palace and set him on the throne
Jehoiada and all of the people were filled with joy
Jehoiada made Joash king when he was only seven years old

2. Joash was instructed by Jehoiada, the priest - 12:1-3

the king ruled for forty years in Jerusalem
the king did right as long as Jehoiada the priest instructed him
the king did not remove the altars where the the people offered sacrifices

3. Joash called for the temple to be repaired - 12:4-8

the priests were to take the gifts of the people and repair the temple
the priests were to begin repairing the damages in the temple
the priests did not follow the instructions of the king
the priests were rebuked by the king for their failure to repair the temple
the priests agreed that they would use all money received to repair the temple

4. Joash completed the temple repairs through freewill offerings - 12:9-16

Jehoiada made a chest and placed it beside the altar for all the freewill gifts
Jehoiada would bag the money whenever the chest started to become full
Jehoiada used some money to pay the carpenters who were repairing the temple
Jehoiada used money to pay the workers and some to buy the materials
Jehoiada did not use any of the money for vessels for the temple
Jehoiada gave all the money to the workmen
Jehoiada put men in charge of the money who were faithful men
Jehoiada continued to use the trespass offerings to meet the needs of the priests

5. Joash was killed by his servants and died - 12:17-21

the king had Hazeal of Syria come to fight against him
the king gave Hazeal all the gold so he would go away
the king has the rest of his acts recorded in chronicles
the king was killed by his servants in the house of Millo
the kings was replaced by Amaziah, his son

Lessons from the life of Joash

Joash was instructed in the Word of God right from birth

Joash was faithful to God as long as he continued to learn God's Word

Joash was committed to the repairing of the temple

H. the reign of Jehoahaz in Israel 13:1-9

1. Jehoahaz was an evil king - 13:1-2

Jehoahaz was king over Israel for seventeen years
Jehoahaz did evil and followed the sins of Jeroboam

2. Jehoahaz showed remorse but not repentance for sin - 13:3-9

the Lord allowed Syria to make Israel to suffer for their sin
the Lord listen when Jehoahaz asked the Lord for help
the Lord allowed Israel to get out from under the control of Syria
the Lord saw that they continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam
the Lord had only left a small remnant of their army
the Lord allowed Jehoahaz to died and be buried in peace

I. the reign of Jehoash (Joash) in Israel - 13:10-25

1. Jehoash was an evil king - 10:10-11

Jehoash became king and ruled for 16 years
Jehoash did evil and continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam

2. Jehoash died and was buried - 10:12-13

the king also fought against the king of Judah
the king was replaced by his son, Jeroboam II

Lessons from the lives of the kings of Israel

the kings of Israel all followed the sins of Jeroboam

the kings of Israel led the people to follow the sins of Jeroboam

the kings of Israel were experiencing the judgment of God

the kings of Israel still did not repent of their sin

the kings of Israel would only pray when in trouble

3. Jehoash had several things happen while he was king - 13:14-25

a. Elisha told Jehoash he would defeat Syria three times - 13:14-19

the king of Israel come to Elisha while he was sick
the king was told by Elisha to take a bow and some arrows
the king had Elisha put his hands over the king's hands on the bow
the king was told to shoot an arrow to picture deliverance over Syria
the king was told to take arrows and strike the ground with them
the king was told that he would only defeat Syria three times

b. Elisha had a miracle happen when he died - 13:20-21

the body of Elisha was buried when he died
the body of another man was thrown on the bones of Elisha and the man revived

c. Elisha had his prophecy fulfilled - 13:22-25

Syria continued to fight against the nation of Israel
Syria was not able to destroy Israel because of God's covenant with Abraham
Syria saw Ben-hadad become king when Hazeal died
Syria was defeated three times by Israel as Elisha had promised

Lessons from the life of Elisha

**Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's blessing
(seven of the miracles that Elijah did are recorded)
(fourteen of the miracles that Elisha did are recorded)**

Elisha had a real concern to minister to the needs of women

Elisha had a real concern to minister to the sons of the prophets

Elisha was not afraid to rebuke kings when it was needed

Elisha learned to share ministry with the sons of the prophets

Elisha saw God completely judge the household of Ahab

Elisha was faithful to the Lord throughout his life

J. the reign of Amaziah in Judah

14:1-22

1. Amaziah was a good king who followed God - 14:1-4

the rule of Amaziah began in the second year of Joash, king of Israel
the rule of Amaziah lasted for twenty-nine years
the rule of Amaziah was good but not like that of David
the rule of Amaziah did not deal with the sacrifices offered on the high places

2. Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father - 14:5-7

the king killed the servants who had murdered his father
the king did not kill the children of those murderers
the king killed ten thousand Edomites in battle

3. Amaziah was defeated because of pride - 14:8-16

the king challenged Jehoash, king of Israel, to a fight
the king of Israel gave him a parable about a thistle
the king was warned about the danger of his pride
the king would not listen because of his pride
the king and the army of Judah were defeated
the king was captured and the wall of Jerusalem broken down
the kings had all his gold taken from Jerusalem
the king had the details of his defeat written in the chronicles of Israel

4. Amaziah died and was buried - 14:17-22

the king outlived Jehoash of Israel by fifteen years
the king had his history recorded in the chronicles of Judah
the king was killed by a group who conspired against him
the king was buried in the city of Jerusalem
the king was replaced by his son Azariah

Lessons from the life of Amaziah

Pride can creep into the life of a good ruler

Pride will destroy the effectiveness of a good leader

K. the reign of Jeroboam II in Israel

14:23-29

Jeroboam became king in the fifteenth year of Amaziah, king of Judah
Jeroboam dealt evil by following the sins of the earlier Jeroboam
Jeroboam was able to regain some territory that had been taken from Israel
Jeroboam benefitted from the concern of the Lord for Israel
Jeroboam was used by the Lord to preserve Israel as a nation
Jeroboam had his victories recorded in the chronicles of Israel
Jeroboam was replaced by his son Zechariah when he died

L. the reign of Azariah (Uzziah) over Judah

15:1-7

1. Azariah was a good king in most ways - 15:1-4

the king became king in the 27th year of Jeroboam of Israel
the king ruled for 52 years in Jerusalem
the king did what was right in the sight of the Lord
the king failed to remove the places where people offered sacrifices

2. Azariah became a leper and died - 15:5-7

the king was struck with leprosy and lived in an isolated house
the king has the rest of his acts recorded in the chronicles of Judah
the king died and was buried in Jerusalem

Lessons from the lives of Jeroboam II and Azariah

Jeroboam II continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam

Jeroboam II was shown mercy by the Lord for the sake of Israel

Jeroboam II did not respond to the mercy shown by the Lord

Azariah was a king who did right most of the time

Azariah was allowed to rule for many years by God

Azariah became a leper because he tried to act for the priests

M. the reign of Zechariah in Israel
15:8-12

Zechariah only ruled for eight months
Zechariah did evil and followed the sins of Jeroboam
Zechariah was killed in front of the people
Zechariah had his other acts written in the chronicles of Israel
Zechariah was the final descendent of Jehu to rule

N. the reign of Shallum in Israel
15:13-15

Shallum only ruled for one full month
Shallum was killed by Menahem who replaced him
Shallum has his other acts recorded in the chronicles of Israel

O. the reign of Menahem in Israel
15:16-22

1. Menahem was an evil king - 15:16-18

the rule of Menahem was very cruel
the rule of Menahem lasted for ten years
the rule of Menahem continued the sins of Jeroboam

2. Menahem saw the land invaded by Pul, king of Assyria - 15:19-20

Pul was given 1000 talents of silver by Menahem
Pul returned to Assyria without destroying the land

3. Menahem died and his son became king - 15:21-22

the rest of what Menahem did was written in the chronicles of Israel
the replacement for Menahem was his son, Pekahiah

Lessons from the lives of these kings of Israel

these kings all continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam

these kings all used violence to get what they wanted

**P. the reign of Pekahiah in Israel
15:23-26**

Pekahiah ruled in Israel for two years
Pekahiah did evil and continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam
Pekahiah was killed by Pekah, an officer in his army
Pekahiah has his other acts written in the chronicles of Israel

**Q. the reign of Pekah in Israel
15:27-31**

1. Pekah was an evil king - 15:27-28

he ruled as king of Israel for 20 years
he continued to follow the sins of Jeroboam

**2. Pekah saw Israel invaded by Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria - 15:29-31
(the people of the northern area were taken as captives to Assyria)**

the king saw his northern cities conquered and the people taken captive
the king was killed in a conspiracy led by Hoshea
the king had his other acts recorded in the chronicles of Israel

**R. the reign of Jotham in Judah
15:32-38**

Jotham was the son of Uzziah (Azariah)
Jotham became king when he was 25 years old
Jotham was a good king who did what was right in the sight of the Lord
Jotham did not get rid of the high places where the people worshiped
Jotham has his other acts recorded in the chronicles of the Judah
Jotham had other kings come to fight against him
Jotham died and was buried in the city of Jerusalem

Lessons from the life of Jotham

Jotham chose to follow the Lord in his personal life

Jotham failed to make a real spiritual impact on the people

S. the reign on Ahaz in Judah

16:1-20

1. Ahaz did not follow God but followed idols - 16:1-4

Ahaz became king in the seventeenth year of Pekah, the king of Israel

Ahaz became king when he was 20 and ruled for 16 years

Ahaz did evil including making his son pass through the fire

Ahaz also sacrificed on all the high hills and under every green tree

2. Ahaz was invaded by Rezin, king of Syria - 16:5-6

Rezin came and tried to conquer Jerusalem but failed

Rezin then went to Elath and conquered it for Syria

3. Ahaz asked Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria, for help - 16:7-9

the king of Assyria was asked to help Ahaz fight against Syria

the king of Assyria was given the silver and gold from the temple

the king of Assyria went and conquered the city of Damascus

4. Ahaz added the idols of Syria to his idols - 16:10-18

the king went to Damascus and saw an altar that he liked

the king had Urijah built him one like the altar in Damascus

the king offered sacrifices on his new altar

the king set the bronze altar north of his new altar

the king ordered all the sacrifices of the people to be on his new altar

the king had his command obeyed by Urijah, the priest

the king removed part of the things from the temple

5. Ahaz died and was buried - 16:19-20

the king had his other acts written in the chronicles of the kings of Judah

the king died and was buried in the city of Jerusalem

Lessons from the life of Ahaz

Ahaz chose to become involved in demonic worship

Ahaz chose to add new forms of false worship in Judah

T. the reign of Hoshea in Israel

17:1-41

1. Israel was defeated and taken captive in 722 B.C. - 17:1-6

Hoshea became king and ruled for nine years
Hoshea did evil but not as much as the kings before him
Hoshea was forced to pay tribute to the king of Assyria
Hoshea was jailed for making a conspiracy against the king of Assyria
Hoshea saw his country under siege by Assyria for three years
Hoshea saw Israel conquered and the people taken away

2. Israel was reaping the consequences of its sins - 17:7-23

the people had sinned against the Lord and had feared other gods
the people had walked according to the ways of the nations
the people did things against the Lord that were not right
the people set up wooden images throughout the land
the people burned incense and did wicked things
the people also served idols and disobeyed God
the people had prophets who warned them to turn from their evil ways
the people would not listen to the prophets but stiffened their necks
the people rejected the commandments of the Lord and became idolaters
the people worshiped two golden calves, the host of heaven and Baal
the people burned their children and practiced witchcraft
the people were removed because of all these sins
the people of Judah also followed the ways of the people of Israel
the people were delivered by the Lord into the hands of plunderers
the people were driven from the Lord by the sins of Jeroboam
the people walked in the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn from them
the people were finally taken from their own land to the land of Assyria

Lessons from the sins and judgment of Israel

when people turn from God, they always turn to other things

when people turn from God, they become more and more evil

when people turn from God, they turn to demonic worship

3. Israel was repopulated with people from other countries - 17:24-41

a. the people did not fear God at the beginning - 17:24-25

the people that were settled in Samaria were from other countries
the people did not fear the Lord and some were killed by lions

b. the people were taught by a priest to fear God - 17:26-28

the king of Assyria thought that the people did not know the rituals of God
the king of Assyria sent a priest to teach them
the king of Assyria sent them a priest who taught them to fear God

c. the people feared God but served their own gods - 17:29-41

the people continued to serve their own gods
the people built various cities to live in
the people in some cities burned their children as sacrifices
the people made themselves priests from every class of people
the people feared God while serving their own gods
the people are really serving their own gods and not obeying God
the people were breaking the covenant made by God
the people were failing to worship and fear the true God
the people were failing to obey the commandments of God
the people were ignoring the covenant of God
the people were not fearing the true and living God
the people were not obeying the true and living God
the people developed a mixed religion which continues to this day

Lessons from the mixing of religion

people can be taught to fear God but not taught to obey Him

people will then continue to serve other gods in addition

people may still continue to be involved in demonic practices

people are actually then ignoring the Word of God

people then develop a mixed religion not a true belief

II.
Judah continues as a nation after Israel is carried away
captive
18:1-25:30

A. the reign of Hezekiah
18:1-20:21

1. Hezekiah was a good king who restored worship to God - 18:1-6

he became king during the third year of Hoshea, king of Israel
he became king when he was 25 and ruled for 29 years
he was a good king who did what was right in the sight of God
he removed the false things that the people were worshipping
he trusted in the Lord more than all who were before or after him
he held fast to the Lord and obeyed His commandments

2. Hezekiah saw the consequences of sin in neighboring Israel - 18:7-12

the king was blessed by the Lord and no longer served Assyria
the king was able to subdue the Philistines as far as Gaza
the king saw the Assyrians come and fight against Israel
the king saw the Assyrians conquer the nation of Israel
the king saw Israel taken away by the Assyrians
the king realized it was because they did not obey God

Lessons from the introduction to Hezekiah

Hezekiah chose to do right and serve God

Hezekiah chose to remove the false things that people worshiped

Hezekiah chose to trust the Lord more than any other king

Hezekiah chose to obey the commandments of the Lord

Hezekiah learned from the disobedience of Israel

Hezekiah realized the importance of obeying the Lord

3. Hezekiah is delivered from Sennacherib by the Lord - 18:13-19:37

a. Sennacherib invaded some of the cities of Judah - 18:13-16

Hezekiah saw the king of Assyria take some of the cities of Judah

Hezekiah agreed to pay the king of Assyria to regain the cities

Hezekiah gave all of the silver that was in the temple

Hezekiah gave the gold that covered the pillars of the temple

b. Sennacherib made a second invasion of Judah 18:17-37

1). the messengers of Assyria met with the men of Hezekiah - 18:17-25

the leaders of Judah met with the messengers from Assyria

the leaders of Judah were told that they would not get help from Egypt

the leaders were told that the Lord would not be able to help them

the leaders were told that the nation would be destroyed

2). the messengers shouted to the people who were on the walls - 18:26-35

the people on the wall could hear the messengers of Assyria

the people on the wall had the messengers call to them in Hebrew

the people on the wall were told that Hezekiah was trying to deceive them

the people on the wall were encouraged to come out and surrender

the people on the wall were told they would be taken to another land

the people on the wall were told that the gods had not helped other nations

the people on the wall were told that the Lord would not deliver them

3). the messengers received no answer from the people - 18:36-37

the people did not answer the Assyrian messengers

the people saw the mourning of their leaders as they went to Hezekiah

Lessons from the attitude of the Assyrian messengers

the Assyrian messengers had no respect for the true God

the Assyrian messengers were filled with pride

the Assyrian messengers thought all gods were the same

c. Sennacherib did not recognize the power of God - 19:1-7

Hezekiah dressed in sackcloth and went to the temple
Hezekiah sent the leaders dressed in sackcloth to Isaiah
Hezekiah sent a message that this was a day of trouble for Judah
Hezekiah sent a message asking Isaiah to pray for the people
Hezekiah sent his servants to Isaiah with this message
Hezekiah was given a message that the king of Assyria had blasphemed God
Hezekiah said that the king of Assyria would return to his own land and die

d. Sennacherib defies God directly - 19:8-13

the king of Assyria was fighting against Libnah
the king of Assyria send another messenger to Hezekiah
the king of Assyria told Hezekiah not to trust in the Lord
the king of Assyria said that Judah and Jerusalem would not be delivered
the king of Assyria said the gods had not protected other cities
the kings of Assyria said that the gods had not protected other kings

e. Sennacherib had his letter spread out before the Lord - 19:14-19

Hezekiah took the letter to the temple and spread it out before the Lord
Hezekiah prayed and recognized that the Lord is the Creator
Hezekiah asked the Lord to see that Sennacherib sent a reproach to God
Hezekiah said it was true that the king of Assyria had destroyed other nations
Hezekiah said it was true that the king of Assyria had destroyed idols
Hezekiah asked the Lord to glorify Himself by defeating Assyria

Lessons from the response of Hezekiah to Sennacherib

Hezekiah had an attitude of repentance before the Lord

Hezekiah asked Isaiah to join him in praying to the Lord

Hezekiah looked to the promise that God gave him

Hezekiah spread out the letter before God

Hezekiah recognized that the Lord is the Creator

Hezekiah asked the Lord to glorify Himself

f. Sennacherib had his letter answered by the Lord - 19:20-34

God heard and answered the prayer of Hezekiah
God said that Judah would laugh Sennacherib to scorn
God said that Sennacherib had lifted himself up against the Holy One of Israel
God said that his messengers had reproached the Lord
God said that he had boasted about what he had done
God said that He is the one who is the Creator
God said that the inhabitants of the cities have little power
God said that He knew all about Sennacherib
God said that he would turn Sennacherib back the way he came
God said that Judah would again plant vineyards and eat the fruit
God said that Judah would take root downward and bear fruit upward
God said that He would preserve a remnant in Jerusalem
God said that Sennacherib would not fight against Jerusalem
God said that Sennacherib would not come into the city
God said that He would defend Jerusalem for His own sake

b. Sennacherib had 185,000 soldiers killed by the Lord - 19:35-37

the Lord sent His angel who killed 185,000 soldiers
the Lord caused Sennacherib to return home to Ninevah
the Lord allowed two of his own sons kill him while he was worshipping his idols

Lessons from the way the Lord protected Judah

the Lord protected Judah in answer to the prayer of Hezekiah

the Lord promised to judge the pride of Sennacherib

the Lord reminded all that He is the Creator

the Lord said that Judah would again become a fruitful nation

the Lord said that Judah would take root downward

the Lord said that Judah would then bear fruit upward

the Lord said that He would defend Jerusalem for His own sake

the Lord caused the pride of Sennacherib to be judged

4. Hezekiah becomes ill and recovers - 20:1-11

Isaiah told Hezekiah to set his house in order and prepare for death
Isaiah saw Hezekiah turn his face to the wall and pray to the Lord
Isaiah heard Hezekiah review how he had been faithful to the Lord
Isaiah was given a second message for Hezekiah as he was leaving
Isaiah was to tell Hezekiah that the Lord had heard his prayer
Isaiah was to tell Hezekiah that he would live an additional 15 years
Isaiah said to lay a clump of figs on the boil of Hezekiah
Isaiah was asked by Hezekiah for a sign that the Lord would heal him
Isaiah gave Hezekiah two choices for that sign to confirm his healing
Isaiah heard Hezekiah ask for the sun to go backward 10 degrees on the sundial
Isaiah prayed and the Lord answered by causing the sun to go 10 degrees back

5. Hezekiah shows his wealth to the Babylonians - 20:12-21

the Babylonian king sent letters and a present to Hezekiah
the Babylonian messengers were shown all the treasures of Hezekiah
the Babylonian messengers had come from the country of Babylon
the Babylonian messengers had been shown all that Hezekiah had
the Babylonian messengers resulted in Hezekiah receiving a message from God
the Babylonian army would one day come and take all that was in Jerusalem
the Babylonian king would make some of the sons of Hezekiah servants
the Babylonian army would not do that during the life of Hezekiah

Hezekiah brought water into the city through a pool and tunnel
Hezekiah died and was replaced by his son Manasseh

Lessons from the final years of Hezekiah

Hezekiah asked the Lord to give him a longer life

Hezekiah prayed and the Lord answered his prayer

Hezekiah asked for a sign that God would heal him

Hezekiah was given a sign that the Lord would heal him

Hezekiah became proud of his treasures and showed them

Hezekiah was told the consequences of that pride

B. the reign of Manasseh 21:1-18

1. Manasseh led the people into idol worship again - 21:1-9

Manasseh ruled as king of Judah for 55 years
Manasseh was an evil king who followed the sins of the people around Judah
Manasseh built altars for Baal and worshiped the host of heaven
Manasseh built altars for idols in the temple of the Lord
Manasseh built altars for the host of heaven in the courts of the temple
Manasseh offered his sons as sacrifices and practiced witchcraft
Manasseh set a carved image of Asherah in the temple
Manasseh totally ignored the promise of the Lord
Manasseh seduced the people to do more evil than the surrounding nations

2. Manasseh was warned of coming judgment by the prophets - 21:10-15

the Lord spoke to Manasseh through the prophets
the Lord said that Manasseh was more wicked than the Amorites
the Lord said that He would bring calamity on Jerusalem and Judah
the Lord said that He would wipe Jerusalem clean like a dish
the Lord said He would deliver Jerusalem into the hand of their enemies
the Lord said that the people had been doing evil from the time they left Egypt

3. Manasseh killed many innocent people in Jerusalem - 21:16-18

the king killed many innocent people
the king had his evil recorded in the chronicles of Judah
the king died and his son Amon became king

Lessons from the life of Manasseh

Manasseh chose to turn from God to idols

Manasseh chose to worship the sun, moon and stars

Manasseh chose to offer his children as human sacrifices

Manasseh chose to ignore the warnings of the prophets

Manasseh killed many innocent people and filled Jerusalem with blood

C. the reign of Amon 21:19-26

1. Amon followed all the evil of his father - 21:19-22

he became king when he was 22 and ruled for 2 years
he did all the evil that his father Manasseh had done
he served all the idols that his father had served
he forsook God and did not follow Him

2. Amon was killed by his servants - 21:23-26

the Lord saw Amon killed by his own servants
the Lord saw the people kill the servants who killed Amon
the Lord allowed the rest of the acts of Amon to be in the chronicles of Judah
the Lord made Josiah king in place of his evil father

D. the reign of Josiah 22:1-23:30

1. Josiah was a good king who followed the Lord - 22:1-2

Josiah became king when he was 8 and ruled for 31 years
Josiah was a good king who did right in the sight of the Lord

2. Josiah had the temple repaired - 22:3-7

the king sent a servant to the house of the Lord with a message
the king told the high priest to count the money gathered from the people
the king told the high priest to give that money to those repairing the temple
the king told the high priest to use the money for workers and materials
the king recognized those handling the money were faithful

Lessons from the early life of Josiah

Josiah was a good king even though his father was evil

Josiah made it his goal to do right and please the Lord

Josiah made it his goal to repair the temple of the Lord

3. Josiah heard the Word of God read and mourned - 22:8-14

the high priest found the Book of the Law in the temple
the high priest sent a report to the king about the rebuilding
the high priest sent the Book of the Law to the king who had it read
the high priest heard how the Book of the Law brought conviction to the king
the high priest and several others were given a commandment by the king
the high priest was to ask the Lord what were the consequences of their disobedience
the high priest went and talked with Huldah, the prophetess

4. Josiah asked counsel of Huldah, the prophetess - 22:15-20

Huldah said that she had a message for the king
Huldah said that the Lord would bring judgment of Jerusalem
Huldah said this would happen because the people had forsaken the Lord
Huldah also had a special message for Josiah the king
Huldah said that Josiah had a tender and humble heart before the Lord
Huldah said that Josiah would not be alive when judgment came on Jerusalem

5. Josiah and the people made a covenant with God - 23:1-3

the king gathered all of the leaders and people of Judah to him
the king had the Book of the Covenant read to all of the people
the king led the people in making a covenant to follow and obey the Lord

Lessons from the effect of the Word of God on Josiah

Josiah was convicted of sin when He heard the Word of God

Josiah had a tender and humble heart after he heard the Word of God

Josiah realized that past sin would bring judgment on Jerusalem

Josiah gathered all the people to hear the Word of God read

Josiah led the people in making a covenant to follow the Lord

Josiah led the people in making a covenant to obey the Word

Josiah set a good example and all of the people followed

6. Josiah cleansed the temple of the Lord - 23:4-14

the king commanded the high priest to take the idols from the temple and burn them
the king removed the idolatrous priests who were offering incense to idols
the king brought the wooden idol out of the temple and burned it
the king tore down the booths of the male prostitutes that were in the temple
the king defiled the high places where the priests offered incense to idols
the king did not bring those priests to Jerusalem
the king defiled the place where the people made their children pass through the fire
the king removed the horses and chariots that were used to worship the sun
the king removed the altars to idols that former kings had made
the king defiled the high places that Solomon had made to worship idols
the king broke down the pillars and images and covered the area with bones

7. Josiah destroyed the idol worship at Bethel - 23:15-20

the king broke down the altar that Jeroboam had built at Bethel
the king burned the bones of men on those altars to defile them
the king did not burn the bones of the prophet of God
the king said to let those bones alone and not scatter them
the king also removed the high places that were in Samaria
the king put all the priests of the idols in Samaria to death

Josiah re-established the Passover - 23:21-23

the king commanded the people to keep the Passover
the king had the greatest Passover since the time of the judges
the king celebrated this Passover in the eighteenth year of his rule

9. Josiah destroyed all the false prophets - 23:24-30

the king removed all of the mediums and fortune tellers
the king served the Lord with his whole heart
the king postponed the judgment that the Lord promised would come
the king was killed on the battlefield and was buried in Jerusalem

Lessons from the life of Josiah

Josiah chose to remove every form of false worship from the land
Josiah chose to remove all false worship in Samaria
Josiah chose to serve the Lord with a whole heart

E. the reign of Jehoahaz 23:31-33

Jehoahaz only reigned for three months
Jehoahaz did evil and followed the ways of the former kings
Jehoahaz was put in prison by the king of Egypt

F. the reign of Jehoiakim 23:34-24:7

1. Jehoiakim was an evil king placed in power by Pharaoh - 23:34-37

Jehoiakim had originally been named Eliakim
Jehoiakim paid taxes to the Pharaoh of Egypt
Jehoiakim was the king for eleven years
Jehoiakim did evil and followed the former kings

2. Jehoiakim became a servant of the king of Babylon - 24:1-4

the Lord allowed Jehoiakim to come under the control of the king of Babylon
the Lord allowed various bands of raiders to destroy much in Judah
the Lord was preparing to fulfill His promise to remove Judah from the land
the Lord was bringing judgment for the many innocent people that were killed

3. Jehoiakim died and was replaced by his son - 24:5-7

the king has his other actions written in the book of the chronicles of Judah
the king was replaced by his son named Jehoiachin
the king had seen the control shift from Egypt to Babylon while he was king

Lessons from the lives of Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim

these two brothers did not follow their godly father, Josiah

these two brothers both chose to do evil

these two brothers followed the evil of the earlier kings

these two brothers saw the country come under other nations

G. the reign of Jehoiachin 24:8-16

1. Jehoiachin was an evil king - 24:8-9

Jehoiachin was eighteen when he became king
Jehoiachin did evil and followed the ways of his father

2. Jehoiachin was taken to Babylon - 24:10-16

Nebuchadnezzar sent his servants to fight against the city of Jerusalem
Nebuchadnezzar came and joined his servants in fighting against Jerusalem
Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin and his family and took him prisoner
Nebuchadnezzar took all the treasures and gold from the temple
Nebuchadnezzar took all the skilled workers as captives
Nebuchadnezzar took all of the royal family to the land of Babylon
Nebuchadnezzar took all the skilled workers to the land of Babylon

H. the reign of Zedekiah 24:17-25:7

1. Zedekiah was appointed ruler by the king of Babylon - 24:17-19

he was the brother of Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim
he ruled for eleven years and did evil in the sight of the Lord

2. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon - 24:20

3. Zedekiah was conquered by Babylon and taken to Babylon - 25:1-7

Nebuchadnezzar surrounded the city and besieged it
Nebuchadnezzar was starving the people that were in the city
Nebuchadnezzar broke through the wall of the city and the king fled
Nebuchadnezzar captured the king, killed his sons and then put out his eyes

Lessons from the lives of Jehoiachin and Zedekiah

**both men chose to follow evil ways
both men reaped the consequences of their choice
both men were taken as captives to Babylon**

I. the reign of Gedeliah

25:8-26

1. Babylon took everything of value from Jerusalem - 25:8-17

the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem in the 19th year of Nebuchadnezzar
the Babylonians burned all of the great houses in Jerusalem with fire
the Babylonians broke down the entire wall of Jerusalem
the Babylonians took the people that remained in the city
the Babylonians left some of the very poor to care for the land
the Babylonians took all of the bronze that was left in the temple
the Babylonians took away all of the vessels that were left in the temple
the Babylonians took away the two bronze pillars of the temple

2. Babylon killed the remaining leaders of Judah - 25:18-21

the Babylonians took away the priests who cared for the temple
the Babylonians took the military leaders that were found in the city
the Babylonians took these military leaders to Riblah
the Babylonians killed the military leaders at Riblah

3. Babylon appointed Gedeliah as governor 25:22-26

a. Gedeliah was appointed governor - 25:22-24

b. Gedeliah was assassinated - 25:25-26

J. the release of Jehoiachin from prison

25:27-30

the new king of Babylon released Jehoiachin from prison
the new king of Babylon spoke kindly to Jehoiachin
the new king of Babylon changed the prison clothes of Jehoiachin
the new king of Babylon provided for the needs of Jehoiachin

Lessons from the judgment of Judah by God

**God had told Judah about the choices that Judah faced
God had told Judah about the consequences of sin
God carried out the judgment that He had promised**